

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: **METHODS AND DEVICE FOR FREEZING AND THAWING BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith under U.S.C 371 and as amended in the annexes of the IPER, please enter the following amendments in the captioned application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-77 of the international application filed herewith and add new claims 78-97 as shown on attachment A.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims and to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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